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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Stakeholders
From: Nicole Norvell, Director Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: Balancing Incentives Program (BIP) Update
Date: May 15, 2013

The Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) has been partnering with our stakeholders, the Department of Mental Health and Addictions and the Division of Aging over the last several months on the implementation of the Balancing Incentives Program (BIP). This initiative has included the Supported Group Living (SGL) conversion process as well as our Health Homes project. DDRS continues to be excited to collaborate with our providers, families, guardians and consumers to ensure the best outcomes for those that we serve, and we believe that the BIP is one step towards meeting that goal.

As DDRS has begun to evaluate the SGL conversions and learn from those providers that have completed this process, we are developing updated guidance to give to providers. Many of the providers have expressed their success and challenges with converting their group homes and DDRS will be sharing with all of you that information. DDRS will be posting updated guidance for applications for the risk mitigation grants as well as information pertaining to the expected dates for conversion to the [SGL webpage](#) on the DDRS website

DDRS wants to ensure that all consumers are at the forefront of this process and will be partnering with each provider, individually, to assist in any challenges you may be facing. DDRS will be meeting with each provider as well as facilitating meetings with consumers and their families to ensure a smooth and effective transition. In order to make this possible DDRS is pleased to announce that **John Hill** has joined our team as the **Director of Policy, Planning and Program Development**. John will oversee the BIP process and the experience he brings to this project will be invaluable. John will be working alongside Satrina McDonald to ensure that all providers and consumers have the support necessary to make this a successful partnership.

The BIP has also included Indiana's intention to implement Health Homes to ensure that all consumers have the best possible health care coordination. Health Homes continues to be a priority for DDRS and we are working diligently to have all aspects of this in place so that our consumers may benefit from this service. Currently, DDRS is working internally to set up the





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Information Technology (IT) systems necessary for Health Homes to be utilized successfully. Once those components are in place we will work with our Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to ensure we are ready to submit our information for approval. This process has taken longer than anticipated and we recognize the delay has caused concern for a great amount of our consumers and providers. We will work swiftly to accomplish Health Homes as a service for our consumers as we recognize its importance. As we move forward with the implementation of Health Homes we will continue to communicate with you regarding the progress.

If there are questions regarding BIP, SGL Conversion, or Health Homes please feel free to contact the DDRS office staff John Hill: John.Hill@fssa.IN.gov or at 317-234-6311 and Satrina McDonald: Satrina.McDonald@fssa.IN.gov or at 317-234-6345 and look for updates on the [BIP](#), [SGL](#) and [Health Home](#) webpages on [the DDRS website](#).

